

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims to read as indicated herein.

1. (Currently amended) A method of spell checking a document being processed by a word processing program, said method comprising:

(a) determining, from a content of said document, one or more topics of said document based on a group of words that includes words actually occurring in said document;

(b) reporting a misspelled word to a user; and

(c) presenting to the user a list of replacement words that have spellings similar to said misspelled word,

wherein said list including includes one or more words selected from said group of words that are probably related to said one or more topics and are not yet found in said document.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said content includes the text and any title, subject, headings or contents that are included in said document.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2, wherein step (a) derives said group of actually occurring words from said content based on location within said document and frequency of occurrence therein.

4. (Original) The method of claim 3, further comprising:

(e) determining words that are probably related to said actually occurring words and including said probably related words in said group of words.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein step (e) uses one or more of the processes selected from the group of latent semantic indexing, synonym selection, thesaurus selection.

6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 5, wherein said probably related words appear first in said replacement list.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising presenting to the user another list of the user's misspelled words.

8. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said other list includes words that the user either most frequently misspells or has most recently misspelled.

9-26. (Cancelled)

27. (Currently amended) A computer readable medium that includes computer executable instructions for performing steps, comprising:

(a) determining, from a content of said document, one or more topics of said document based a group of words that includes words actually occurring in said document;

(b) reporting a misspelled word to a user; and

(c) presenting to the user a list of replacement words that have spellings similar to said misspelled word,

wherein said list including one or more words selected from said group of words that are probably related to said one or more topics and are not yet found in said document.

28. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 27, wherein said content includes the text and any title, subject or headings that are included in said document.

29. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 28, wherein step (a) derives said group of actually occurring words from said content based on location within said document and frequency of occurrence therein.

30. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 29 including further computer readable instructions for performing the step of (e) determining words that are probably related to said actually occurring words and including said probably related words in said group of words.

31. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 30, wherein step (e) uses one or more of the processes selected from the group of latent semantic indexing, synonym selection, thesaurus selection.

32. (Previously presented) The computer readable medium of claim 31, wherein said probably related words appear first in said replacement list.

33. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 27, further comprising presenting to the user another list of the user's misspelled words.

34. (Original) The computer readable medium of claim 33, wherein said other list includes words that the user either most frequently misspells or has most recently misspelled.

35-52. (Cancelled)